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TAGS: ASEC, PINS

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT USIA REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER (RSC)

REF: BEIRUT 5258

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT BY RSC DIRECTOR, ACTION USINFO

WASHINGTON D.C.;

BEGIN QUOTE COMPLETED EARLY ASSESSMENT BOMB ATTACK 0140

MAY 8, OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS BY AMBASSADOR GODLEY, DCM HOUGHTON

SECURITY OFFICER, GENDARME BRASS, DETECTIVES AND SUPPORTING

STAFFS, SENIOR GENERAL-ATTORNEY, ARMY BOMB EXPERTS, SENIOR

AMERICAN AND LOCAL STAFF. PRELIMINARY CONCLUSION PROFESSIONAL JOB,

ACID FUSE, SHAPED PLASTIC CHARGE WELL INSTALLED ON BUILDING.

LOCATION UNDER OUTSIDE CONCRETE BRIGE UPPER SIDE BUILDING OPPOSITE

WEB PRESS. APART FROM CLEAN HOLE APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET ROUND,

WALL CRACKED, BRIDGE BUCKLED, DRAIN AND OUTSIDE WATER LINES BROKEN,

LOWER END PROPANE EXHAUST STACK DENTED, PANES IN ALL WINDOWS THIS

SIDE SHATTERED OTHER RANDOM DAMAGE. PRESS FLOOR COMPLETELY

COVERED WITH CONCRETE DEBRIS, MIXED SMALL CHUNKS AND GRAVEL

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TO DUST. WINDOW ON OPPOSITE SIDE OVER PARKING LOT

SMASHED--NO OTHERS THIS SIDE OR AROUND OFFICE CAGE DAMAGED.
LAMPS, OTHER LIGHT INSTRUMENTS BLOWN LOOSE IN PRINCIPAL PATH HOLD
TO OPPOSITE WINDOW. PRELIMINARY CHECKING WEB OTHER PRESSES
INDICATES NO MAJOR DAMAGE. PICTURES TAKEN, ESTIMATES UNDER
PREPARATION, WILL FORWARD FULL REPORT AND REPAIR COSTS SOONEST.
AS REPORTED BY TELEPHONE, NO PERSONAL INJURIES, ONLY NIGHT GUARD
AND ONE GENDARME ON DUTY AT RECEPTION, OTHER GENDARMES IN
QUARTERS NOT ON DUTY. SEE INTERIM EMBASSY REPORT TEL NO. 5258.
END QUOTE

2. ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN INFO FROM OFFICIAL GOL SOURCES EXACT
NATURE OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND POSSIBLE PERPETRATORS. WILL PROVIDE
ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
GODLEY

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